



Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Schneider on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 7:38 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cacciotti, Joe, and Mahmud; Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian; and Mayor Schneider.

Absent: None.

City Staff

Present: City Manager DeWolfe; City Attorney Highsmith; City Clerk Zneimer; and Chief City Clerk Donohue were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop #4731 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Gutierrez, South Pasadena Resident, discussed leaf blower regulations in the City and expressed his concern that they are a health hazard.

MOTION BY MAYOR SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI to, bring back the issues related to leaf blowers at a future City Council meeting.

Debra Bowe, South Pasadena Resident, discussed parking and speeding issues on Hope Street near Garfield Park.

Sari Steel, South Pasadena Resident, discussed issues with service from Southern California Edison.

Councilmember Joe and Councilmember Cacciotti requested the City's Southern California Edison representative discuss planned and unplanned outages and to go over the list of resident concerns at a future City Council meeting.

Al Benzoni, South Pasadena Resident, made suggestions in regards to the update of the City's General Plan.

Rosalina Cardenas, South Pasadena Resident, discussed issues with service from Southern California Edison.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

17. Review of Fiscal Impact Report Relating to the Utility Users Tax Repeal Initiative Measure, Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9212, and Approval of a Draft Implementation Plan

City Manager DeWolfe presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

Kim Hughes, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concern about potential cuts to the maintenance of trees and street maintenance in South Pasadena.

Sally Kilby, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concern about potential cuts to Library hours and services.

Ellen Wood, South Pasadena Resident, stated the community may not be aware of the limited funds the City has to operate.

Alan Ehrlich, South Pasadena Resident, stated that it is difficult to cut one service in South Pasadena without it effecting another service.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

The City Council discussed various options and alternatives of the proposed draft implementation plan.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE to approve in concept, the first draft implementation plan with modifications to the Library hours, days of closure and days of operation, also putting money back into the tree budget and giving the City Manager the authority and flexibility to take it from different sources such as the Public Works Department and to bring back an alternative plan to a future City Council meeting in September.

18. Approval of Resolutions and Related Matters for the General Municipal Election on November 6, 2018, Consolidating with the County of Los Angeles to Elect Two Councilmembers, One City Treasurer, One City Clerk and to Approve Language for a Ballot Measure and an Advisory Question

Chief City Clerk Donohue presented the staff report.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

Chief City Clerk Donohue noted that three public comments were received through email from the following individuals:

Ed Donnelly, South Pasadena Resident

Dean Serwin, South Pasadena Resident

Betty Emirhanian, South Pasadena Resident

The following individuals requested to eliminate the proposed advisory measure:

Kim Hughes, South Pasadena resident

Ed Corey, South Pasadena Public Services Committee

Alan Ehrlich, South Pasadena resident

Betty Emirhanian, South Pasadena resident

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE to approve the following resolutions with the exception of the resolution proposing the advisory measure:

1. Resolution No. 7565 calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the election of certain officers and for the submission of a proposed ordinance repealing the utility users tax in its entirety.
2. Resolution No. 7566 requesting consolidation with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.
3. Resolution No. 7567 providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for city measures submitted at municipal elections.
4. Resolution No. 7568 authorizing certain Councilmembers to submit arguments regarding a measure to repeal the existing utility users tax ordinance which will be on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election and directing an impartial analysis of the measure by the City Attorney.

5. Resolution No. 7569 adopting regulations for candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Closed Session Announcements

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of July 1, 2018, was called to order by Mayor Schneider at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

A. Initiation of Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4):

Number of Cases: 1

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1):

Title: City Manager

C. Existing Litigation

LIABILITY CLAIMS/WORKERS'COMPENSATION CLAIMS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95:

Number of claims: 1

D. Anticipated Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Number of Anticipated Cases: 1

City Attorney Highsmith reported that the City Council received briefings and provided direction to staff regarding the agendaized Closed Session Items, but did not take any reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS**2. Status Update Regarding the Metro Gold Line Extension Construction Authority**

Daniel Evans, Non-Voting Member of the Metro Gold Line Construction Authority, presented an update and responded to City Council inquiries.

3. Presentation by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District

Jared Dever, District Manager for the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, provided an overview of the District and answered City Council inquiries.

COMMUNICATIONS**4. Councilmembers Communications**

Girl Scout Troop #4731 made a presentation about the issue of gun violence in schools.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian discussed the recent Teen Center & Cal State LA Young Navigator Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Councilmember Mahmud discussed a recent meeting of the Clean Power Alliance and discussed the upcoming Safe Clean Water Program ballot measure.

Councilmember Joe discussed the recent South Pasadena Summer Concerts in the Park event.

Councilmember Cacciotti thanked Sergeant Shannon Robledo for checking on seniors South Pasadena during the recent heat wave; displayed photos from a recent clearing of dry weeds on Monterey Road; Interns from the Air Quality Management District (AQMD); Police Officers assisting a resident who locked themselves out of their house; residents attending the recent Summer Concerts in the Park event.

5. City Manager Communications

City Manager DeWolfe reminded everyone that the August 1, 2018 City Council meeting is cancelled and that the next meeting will be held on August 15, 2018.

6. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Schneider moved Item Nos. 17 and 18 to immediately follow the pledge of allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mahmud noted minor corrections were submitted for Item No. 10.

Councilmember Joe pulled Item No. 11 for separate discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7-10 and 12-14 with Items 10 and 13 (per additional document received by City staff), as amended and with Item No. 11 pulled for separate discussion.

7. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 20, 2018

Approved the minutes of the June 20, 2018 City Council Meeting.

8. Prepaid Warrants, General City Warrants, and Payroll

Approved the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 203215 through 203499 in the amount of \$3,030,509.52; General City Warrants Nos. 203500 through 203591 in the amount of \$518,811.64; Payroll dated June 29, 2018, in the amount of \$783,670.52; and Payroll dated July 13, 2018 in the amount of \$648,412.17.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, in a Form Approved by the City Attorney, for Audit Services for Three Fiscal Years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$135,650

Authorized the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for audit services for three fiscal years from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

10. Authorize the Second Amendment with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (formerly MWH Americas Inc.), for Construction Engineering Support Services for the Graves Reservoir Replacement Project in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$221,003 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Contract Amount of \$906,648

Authorized the City Manager to execute the second Contract Amendment with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (formerly MWH Americas Inc.), in an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$221,003, for construction engineering support services for the Graves Reservoir Replacement Project (Project) construction.

12. Approval of a Deed Restriction Required by Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Use of Prop A Funds for the Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail

Approved a Deed Restriction required by Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for use of Prop A funds to maintain the use of the land known as the Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail.

13. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Annual Auditor's Report and Authorizing the Collection of the Library Special Tax for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Adopted Resolution No. 7563, approving the Annual Auditor's Report for the levy of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Library Special Tax.

14. Authorize a Resolution for Local Government Partnership Grant funded by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Authorize \$66,000 in Required Matching Funds

1. Adopted Resolution No. 7564, acknowledging receipt of the Mobile Source Air Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) presentation from City staff.
2. Approve the proposed projects.
3. Authorize the \$66,000 in matching funds.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

11. Memorandum of Agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, County of Los Angeles and Eight Cities Regarding the Administrative and Cost Sharing of Design Plans for Three Load Reduction Strategy Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries, at a total cost of \$1,849,000 of which South Pasadena's cost share is in the amount of \$21,218

Deputy Public Works Director Casillas presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to authorize the City Manager to sign a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), County of Los Angeles and Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena and Temple City Regarding the Administrative and Cost Sharing of Design Plans for Three Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) Projects for the Rio Hondo River and Tributaries, at a total cost of \$1,849,000 of which South Pasadena's cost share is in the amount of \$21,218.

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Approval of City of South Pasadena's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Fire Chief Riddle presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Russ Patterson, Principal at R.E. Patterson and Associates, presented an overview of the proposed Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the Public Hearing.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for final approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

16. Public Hearing Confirming Charges Assessed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures for the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation on Respective Parcels of Unimproved Private Properties Constituting a Fire Hazard

Fire Chief Riddle presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

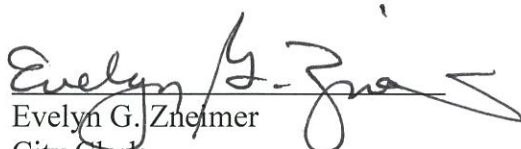
Mayor Schneider opened the Public Hearing.


There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, CARRIED 5-0, to confirm the 2018 declaration list of charges.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the City Council Meeting at 10:05 p.m.


Evelyn G. Znelmer
City Clerk


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on August 15, 2018.